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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OGEN  
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. REGARDING KOPELEV MEDICINE, YOU ARE CORRECT THAT OUR PROBLEMS GO DEEPER THAN DR. NYDELL'S SKEPTICISM REGARDING THIS PARTICULAR MEDICINE. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE EXAGGERATED THE OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS AND THE LEGAL QUESTIONS WERE RAISED NOT FOR SAKE OF GILDING THE LILY BUT IN ALL SERIOUSNESS. THIS IS NOT SAMIZDAT BUT A LARGE QUANTITY OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE WHICH WOULD BE ILLEGAL IN ANY COUNTRY TO BE DISPENSED IN THIS FASHION. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, WE MUST URGE A FIRM REFUSAL ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE TRANSACTION IS ILLEGAL. AMBASSADOR FEELS WE HAVE HAD SUFFICIENT DISCUSSION ON THIS SUBJECT AND THAT OUR POSITION IS CLEAR AND FIRM.

2. ACCORDING TO FRG EMBASSY, KOPELEV MAY BE CONSIDERING EMIGRATION TO FRG. IN ANY EVENT, HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE DECIDED TO LEAVE IF HIS ONLY ALTERNATIVE TO DEPARTURE IS IMPRISONMENT. CHOICE HAS NOT BEEN FORCED UPON HIM YET.

3. REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF SKOUG'S EXTENSION FOR A  
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FOURTH YEAR (FROM 1979 TO 1980), HE SAYS THAT HE WOULD PREFER NOT TO COMMIT HIMSELF THIS EARLY, EVEN IF A CHANCERY APARTMENT COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE IN SUMMER OF 1979. HE DOES NOT TOTALLY EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY OF EXTENSION IF FACTORS NEARER TO THE DATE SHOULD FAVOR IT, BUT IF DECISION MUST BE MADE NOW, ANSWER WOULD BE NO.

4. APPRECIATE INFORMATION IN PARA 3, STATE 73192.  
PLEASE ASK NOBLE WHETHER EITHER OR BOTH OF FOLLOWING  
APPLY TO ANY OF THE OPTIONS; (A) IS REGULAR COURSE  
TEACHING PERMITTED OR DESIRED? IF SO, IN WHAT FIELDS?  
(I WOULD FAVOR OPTION WHICH WOULD PERMIT TEACHING ONE  
COURSE A TERM.) (B) IS HOUSING PROVIDED (TWO BR APT.  
WOULD DO) AT ANY OF POSSIBILITIES? THESE FACTORS WOULD  
HAVE WEIGHT IN MY PREFERENCE. I WOULD HOPE THAT FSI  
"ORIENTATION" COULD BE AVOIDED, BUT IN ANY CASE WOULD  
DESIRE DEPARTURE IN EARLY AUGUST TO PERMIT SOME TIME WITH  
FAMILY IN US BEFORE TAKING ON ASSIGNMENT. TOON

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